

SLJL Meeting Minutes – January 3, 2018

- **Attending**

Dan Young, Grace Hoffman, Guido McLaren, Randy Hoffman, Otis Kirkland, Ralph Dunigan, Lance Shipman, Laura Hoffman, Duane Lanyon, Frank Shikonis, Jason Westphal, Deb Gaudreau, Derrick DeGroat, Jason Fox, Joe Yamin, Mike Zuehlke

- **New Business**

Meeting minutes of December 20 were accepted.

Positions open for 2018 SLJL Board

Website/Social Media Coordinator	Open
Equipment Manager-Boy's/Girl's	Open
Umpire-in-Chief-Boy's	Open
Reese Trustee	Open

SLJL Day at Comerica Park will be June 3, 2018 Mark Your Calendar!

Start to think about finances for 2018 seasons and as to whether we need to think about an increase to registration fee.

- **Treasurer**

SLJL Fields Fund	\$46,286.89	+\$6,480.00 Fall Reg +\$6,425.00 Travel Reg 2018
SLJL Checking	\$26,006.57	-\$6,480.00 Field Fund Fall -\$6,425.00 Field Fund Travel
Boy's Travel	\$71,180.50	+\$3,020.00
Girl's Travel	\$17,382.28	-\$2,463.33
Pay Pal Credit Card	\$721.69	N/C

- **Website**

Laura requested \$99.00 to renew Calendar.

- **Fields/Equipment**

Have large field boxes for Bartlett and Pearson. Will be placed in spring.

At the June 5 Lyon TWP Board Meeting the Board unanimously voted in favor of partnering with the SLJL to build to 200” fields at Atchison Park behind the Fire Dept building. The project will have a budget of \$185,000 and SLJL will provide \$75,000 and Lyon Twp \$110,000. Contract to be completed and signed in coming days. Lyon Twp Board asking for 2 more bids for fencing. New fence quotes came in at \$75,000. Excavating to start week of June 26. Broke ground on June 26 and stopped on June 26. Lyon Twp stopped the excavating due to the need for field for Wounded Warrior Event. Started grading of both fields on July 17. Fields are having infield and warning track mix added and spread. Starting on Irrigation. 400 Tons of field mix is being delivered to Atchison for the 2 new fields and will be spread on infields and warning/foul tracks. Irrigation work will follow in 2 weeks. John Dolan of Lyon Twp is meeting with contractors to discuss walkway in between fields. Dirt is all spread, irrigation will be completed in 10 days. Fencing to follow. Grass is growing, fencing should be up within the next 2 weeks. Making corrections to layout of fields. \$2-3,000 additional charge for correction. Fencing to be completed by Oct 4 or 5. Considering 10’ Wide bridge over ditch from parking lot. Dean reported that there may be overage charge of \$2,000. Dean will update board at next board meeting. Seed blankets were laid on land between fields this week. Atchison is closed for the season. Have gotten deal on benches to be installed in spring.

SLJL and Lyon Twp have spent \$175,101.40 so far leaving \$9,898.60 left in budget to pay for finishing touches on 2 new fields.

Open to ideas for any additions for 2 new fields at Atchison Park.

New door was provided on Bartlett storage room. Have not received new key to go with door.

Deb needs; 6’ x 3’ Drag, 2 Home Plates, Base Plug Trowels, 18 Base Anchors (Irv is making).

SLHS is replacing poles and fencing on all 3 softball fields. Backstops will be left alone.

11 Mile and Milford Road Park is getting some discussion and there will be meetings to discuss layout and size of fields to be built on land.

Dean brought up possibility of rebuilding Bartlett field. More to come.

- **T-Ball Day**

Need to have trophies for T-Ball ready for T-Ball Day for 2018.

Hot Shots should set up next to balloon and face painter people to get more traffic.

- **Draft/Coaches Meetings**

Must work on Draft Rules in SLJL General Rules for 2017 Fall Season.

1. Draft to be sorted and drafted by age.
2. Consider online Draft for Spring Draft.
3. Will take requests but not guaranteeing requests
4. Insert Solid Rules into Bylaws.
5. Should we consider increasing registration fees for out of district players.
6. Consider moving bases to 70' for Reese in Spring, also allow leadoffs.

- **Fall Season**

Consider using Pitch Count during Fall Season. Rich to provide suggested pitch counts by age to all coaches in boy's divisions. We will suggest that all divisions be aware and try to use this tool with the idea that it will become a rule in 2018. Koufax is starting this in Fall season for 2017.

Chris Hare and Guido will provide recommendations after Fall Season with Koufax for pitch counts to be used in Spring of 2018.

For 2018 Fall Season, inform masses that Travel Players do participate in the Fall Season. Discourage double bump as far as playing up. Allow single bump to play in division you would play in upcoming Spring Season.

Game cancellation policy; Must have 1-week notification and respective coaches must discuss and come to an agreement.

Koufax running out of players for games due to team's rosters of 9 or 10 players. Remember this for Fall 2018 to not repeat same issue.

There needs to be Fall Coaches Meeting prior to Fall Season beginning.

There will no longer be Secondary (Loser's Bracket) Playoffs. There is not enough interest along with not enough daylight and umpires.

Fall schedule for playoff divisions will be 12 games and playoffs.

Need to discuss Pumkinfest scheduling nightmare.

All Fall Playoffs need to be played on weekends to accommodate no time limit on Semifinals and Finals.

Playoffs will consist of only the top 4 teams in each division in Fall Season. This is for the divisions that have playoffs.

Please send any coaches names to Laura and Deb that will require looking at before allowing to coach in 2018 Spring. A list will be kept by Registrar for review prior to picking coaches in Spring.

- **Travel**

Travel Bylaws must be changed from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per player paid to SLJL for Field Improvements and Maintenance.

A Travel Bylaw Committee needs to be formed to review and update all Travel Bylaws for 2018. The Executive Board must discuss prior to having meeting with Travel coaches and Trustee.

Travel Coaches will be handed South Lyon Schools Rules and new Travel Bylaws and will be required to sign an acknowledgement that they have read both and understand the rules presented.

Dean is meeting with School Committee concerning facilities. Would like to change rules allowing SLJL to utilize fields for tournaments to provide fundraising opportunities.

- **Umpires**

Duane and Grace have agreed to keep Sign up Genius for next year's umpire scheduling.

- **Dick's Day**

Items to be used for 2018 Dick's Day;

1. Spread DSG Raffle thru out day, must be present to win.
2. Buy Buffalo Wild Wings food and setup in back room for lunch for Dick's employees and SLJL volunteers.
3. Label SLJL Raffle tickets with prize prior to having them picked.
4. Advertise ability to order online at store and still get 20% off.

- **All Star Notes for 2018**

Develop guidelines for Host Team to follow for a successful All-Star Weekend.

All the established All Star Rules need to be revisited prior to 2018. Need to improve Accuracy Skills. Very long wait at this station.

Thought new way of parking lot setup was good.

Concerned over length of games. Work with coaches and Trustees to speed up between innings of each game.

Need Bio from each Umpire Scholarship Winner for All Star Presentation.

- **Division**

Looking for establishing a grading system for coaches. Need questionnaire to be sent out to coaches asking for input on other coaches within their respective Divisions.

Need to clear up Playoff understanding before 2018.

1. Time Limits
2. Pitching Restrictions
3. Coaching concerns

For 2018 need to invite Suzie Fredricks to Majors Championship Game to hand out the Bob Fredricks Championship Trophy.

Please look for a system for Official Standings for all Divisions that will work in the Spring.

Girl's Uniforms are getting to be \$6-7.00 more than boys uniforms. Need to discuss prior to Spring 2018 Season.

When scheduling games in Spring we must concentrate on scheduling as many House Games as possible on SLEHS, SLHS, and New Atchison Fields.

- **SLJL Calendar**

- Jan 10** - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House (Discuss General Rules Changes, All Star, School Rules, Playoffs, Bat Rules)
- Jan 17** - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House (Final Vote on all Rule Changes for 2018)
- Jan 24** - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- Jan 31** - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- Feb 1** – 2018 Spring Registration Opens (Price TBD)
- Feb 7** - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- Feb 14** - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- Feb 21** - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- Feb 28** - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House (Establish # of teams for 2018 Spring Season)
- March 4** – 2018 Spring Regular Registration Closes
- March 5** – 2018 Spring Late Registration Opens (Price TBD)
- March 7** - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- March 14** - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- March 17** – Dick’s Day (10:00 am – 5:00 pm)
- March 18** – 2018 Spring Late Registration Closes
- March 21** – 2018 Spring Coaches Meeting (Location TBD)
- March 28** – 2018 Spring Draft and Equipment Pickup (Location TBD)
- April 4** – No Meeting Spring Break
- April 9** – 2018 Spring Practices Begin
- April 11** - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
- April 18** - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
- April 25** - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
- May 2** - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
- May 5** – SLJL Opening Day at Atchison Park (Tentative)
- May 7** – 2018 Spring Games Begin, T-Ball Practice Begin
- May 9** - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
- May 16** - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
- May 21** – T-Ball Games Begin
- May 23** - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
- May 25-28** – No Games due to Memorial Day Weekend
- May 30** - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
- June 2** – Picture Day (Tentative-Location TBD)
- June 3** – SLJL Day at Comerica Park
- June 4** – Deadline for Senior applications for scholarships

June 6 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
June 13 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
June 20 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House – Trophy Pick up
June 23 – T-Riffic T-Ball Day
June 27 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
July 4 – Discuss how to schedule off days since 4th is on Wednesday
July 11 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
July 12 – 2018 Fall Registration Begins
July 12-14 – All Star Weekend
July 16 – Travel Coaches Applications Deadline
July 18 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House